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FOR A STRICTER SUNDAY

Churchman's League Meet and Discuss a Measure.

It Will Impose Penalties for Compelling Corporation Employes to Labor on the Seventh Day.

In response to a call of a committee of the Churchman's League of the District of Columbia, a meeting of prominent cit-zens was held last night in Wilhard's hall to devise and formulale such legislation as will be conducive to a better observance of

The meeting was called to order promptly at 8 o'check by Rev. Dr. Elliot, and Judge A. C. Bradley was elected to the chair, while Lawyer Job Barnard was chosen as

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Br. Elliot in stating the object for which the meeting was called read the following proposed bill, which had been adopted provisionally by the league.

"It shall not be lawful for any person to keep open any place of business, nor maintain a stand for the sale of any article or articles of profit during Sunday, excepting apothecaries, for the dispensing of medicines, and undertakers, for the purpose of providing for the dead, or others for the purpose of elarity or necessity, nor shall any public playing of fostball, or hareball, or any other kind of playing sports, pastines or diversions, disturbing the peace and quiet of the day, be practiced by any person or persons within the District of Columbia on Sunday; and for any viohation of this act, the sperson offending shall, for each offense, be liable to a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$50."

Rev. Watter H. Brooks moved that this bill be amended by adding directly after the words "on Sunday" the following: "Nor shall any building operations on work of railroad construction be carried on." The amendment was adopted after short discussion.

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Dr. Mackay-Smith introduced a resolution, which was adopted, that the committee be requested to frame an additional chuise to that already passed, with a view to prevent corporations, by heavy fine, from compelling their employes to work on Sunday in ways, not already forbidden in the proposed statute.

Mr. Charles Lyman moved, and the motion was passed, that a committee of seven be appointed to whom the whole matter should be referred with instructions to draft the proposed law in proper form and submit the same to both houses of Congress and urne its passage.

On motion of Dr. Butler the chairman of the meeting was made a member of this committee, and the other members will be appointed by him in course of time. The meeting then adjourned.

Among those who made addresses were key. Dr. Domer. Rev. Dr. Elliott, Judge Kimbail, Rev. Walter H. Brooks, Mr. Charles Lyman, Mr. Charles King, Rev. Dr. Radeliff, Rev. W. P. Young, Rev. G. F. Williams, Dr. Mackay-Smith and others.

STRICKEN AT THE WASHTUB. Martha Jones Drons Dead While

The body of Martha Jones, colored, rests on a stretcher in the small front room of her late home. No. 2029 L street northwest, and the police record of the Third precinct bears the statement that she died suddenly and without medical attendance.

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Yesterday Mrs. Jones was washing clothes in the rear room, and Mrs. Mann, who couples the lower room, could hear the regular rubbing and grinding as the woman upstairs blied her muscles on the washboard.

At 11-30 the Mann woman beard a thud, followed by a noise which sounded as though the tub had been upset. Soon suds and water began to tricke through from the upper floor. Mrs. Mann thought it proper to investigate, and going upstairs she found her friend. Martha Jones, prostate and her clothes susked in the wash water, which she had spilled by grasping the side of the tub and overturning it in her fall.

Mrs. Mann's screams aroused some neighbors, and they, with Mrs. Mann, pated Mrs. Jones' body to the bed. The coroner will view the remains today.

HUSBAND AND WIFE REUNITED.

After a Long and Weary Search Mrs. Louise Burch Was Found.

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About one month ago Georgetown was startled by the mysterious disappearance of Mrs. Louise Burch, wife of Charles F. Burch of No. 3526 N street narthwest. The police were notified and soon a communication was received from Relay, Md. stating that a woman answering the description of Mrs. Burch had been apprehended while wandering along the railroad track near that place.

It is asserted that the sheriff of the country in which Relay is situated came to Washington, interviewed Mr. Burch and demanded a reward for the return of the wife. In default of this it was allered that the woman was set at large, and when the husband visited Relay the wife had started down the track towards Baltimore.

The case was lost to view for a number of days, but about one week ago Mr. Burch received a letter that his wife had turned up at Frostburg, Md. Thither he went, and two or three days ago the couple were reunited and the husband and wife aren ow at the old home in Georgetown.

Legion of Loyal Women's Officers.
At its meeting last evening the Legion of Loyal Women elected the following officers for the ensuing year:
President, Mrs. Eleo Spencer Mussey; vice president, Mrs. Eleo Spencer Mussey; vice president, Mrs. Eleo Spencer Mussey; vice president, Mrs. Lizhe W. Calver; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Adelia C. Perham; financial secretary, Mrs. Mercine E. Cutter; treasurer, Mrs. Mary A. Young; chapiain, Mrs. Jennie G. Houston; herald, Miss Jane Gibson; page, Mrs. Rose L. Preyer; warden, Mrs. Jessie C. Osborn; sentinel, Miss Maggie B. Cox; planiat, Mrs. Emma E. Myers.

Northeast Citizens' Association Wants More Police.

OTHER TOPICS BROUGHT UP

Theme-The Viaduct Bill to Be Amended and Presented to Congress-Movement for Extension of F Street to Benning's Road.

Grade crossings, lack of gatemen and the liability to accidents, as well as the want of a larger police force, were leading topics of discussion at the meeting of the North-east Washington Citizens' Association heid

st evening.

President Tucker started the ball rolling by reading a newspaper clipping in which t was stated that Senator Orville II. Platt It was stated that Senator Orville II. Plati of Connecticut had been in imminent danger of death by being run over at a grade crossing in Watgrbury, Conn. Mr. Tucker suggested that Senator Plati should be made chairman, and if not that, then a member of the Senate District Committee, and he believed the association should file such recommendation at the proper time

such recommendation at the proper time and place.

President Tucker described two recent occurrences in which citizens were placed in peril from grade crossings. One was that in which Prof. Gallandet's family was endangered at the Fourth street crossing, and Prof. Gallandet, who is a member of the association, was invited to be present to address the members, but being obliged to leave the city he sent a letter of regret

Instead.

The other occurrence was that of a colored man, who was caught while attempting to cross at Seventh street.

Several members, Mr. Sowerbatts and Mr. W. O. Miller particularly, referred to the habit or watenmen of reading books and papers while on duty.

ON STREET EXTENSION. ON STREET EXTENSION.

The committee on streets, avenues and alleys reported back a resolution referred to it, in reference to street extensions, especially as affecting the extension of F street eastward its full whoth, and in a straight line to Benning's road.

I street is 100 feet wide, and a very popular inorosyndare, from northwest to northeast, but the submirbs are cut off at Fifteenth street northeast, by Rosedale subdivision, with a confusion of sbort, narrow streets, which do not properly connect with or conform to the city streets.

Benning's road, it was arguest, is the direct roate for a large and increasing traffic, and the committee is of the opinion that the extension of the street named is the best method of reheving Rosesdale of the existing confusion and making it a part of the city.

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For these and other reasons, the adoption of the resolution calling for the improvement was unanimously recommended.

The report was signed by H. H. Marin, W. R. Caven, George B. Rose, John B. Algate and W. P. Evans, and the same commutee was nutherized to lay the matter before the was nutherized to lay the matter before the

was authorized to lay the matter before the Commissioners.

A petulon from Rev. William I. Hawkins, pastor of Nash Mission M. E. Church, and others, asking for the erection of street lamps on Trimdad avenue, and vicinity, was placed before the association, and on motion of Major J. B. Burke, was unanimously indorsed.

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FOR MORE POLICE.

The report of the committee on police and fire department, to which was submitted a resolution calling upon the association to take some action toward securing an increase in the number of police officers, as recommended by Chief of Police Moore, reported in favor of the proposition, and recommended such action as will bring the subject to the attention of Congress. The committee says that from an investigation made, and due inquiry, it is of the opinion that the situation is not overdrawn, and that if action is not taken, as recommended by Major Moore.

"Our fair city will become notorious as a resort for thugs, theres, and criminals from all parts of the country."

"Our daily papers," the report continues, "are filled with reports of burglaries, highway robberies and assualls, and we find that only a small proportion of the criminals are broughly to justice, a result that can only be expected when we find that an officer's beat includes, on an average, about twenty squares.

"We find, upon making inquiries of the lieutenant of this, the Ninth precinct, that one officer has actually, at times, fifty squares to patrol, and that the average is twenty squares in the day and ten at night for each officer.

"The precinct extends from East Capitol street to the boundary, and from First street to the District line. The number of officers in the precinct is forty-four, thirty-six being supposed to be available for street duty, including five mounted men for the county. This includes day and night men. FOR MORE POLICE.

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"In the early part of the day, when many officers are at police court as witnesses, there are seldom more than seven men on duty on the streets, and one day during the past week we found but four men available for street duty.

"This we found to be the state of affairs in the Ninth precinct, which covers nearly all of Northeast Washington, and we were assured by the lieutenant that the other precincts were in about the same helpiess condition."

The report expresses the belief that the police force will compare favorably with that of any other city, and that the officers are often bismed for what they cannot remedy, citizens forgetting that the officer may be faithfully performing his duty, though many squares away.

The association is urged to take immediate action.

The report is signed by S. Sowerbutts, F. A. Flanigan and W. L. Babitt.

President Tucker referred with pleasure to the success of the teachers' bazaar at Convention Hall.

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The viaduct bill, presented at the last session of Congress, and indorsed by the Commissioners and thousands of citizens, will be reintreduced as soon as the association can make needed changes in the phraseology. It is the bill to require both branches of the B. and O. Raifroad to enter the city on an elevated way.

Boilar gas will also receive attention by co-operation with the board of trade, and the proposition for the construction of a municipal building and court house. The association will strongly indorse also the bill to establish a free library all through its committee on proposed legislation, the propositions being discussed by Dr. Street, Messrs, Martin, Chappell, W. O. Miller, President Tucker, Maj. Burke and others.

A complaint was received with reference to the transfer of the Eckington street car horse over Florida avenue from Thirteenth and C streets to New Jersey avenue.

The association appointed a committee to draft resolutions in memory of the late Dr. J. F. McAllister, who was a member of the organization. PROPOSED LEGISLATION.

Dr. La Place's Lectures. Dr. Ernest La Place, the eminent brain surgeon of the Medico-Chirurzical College of Philadelphia, will begin his course of lectures at Georgetown Medical College, this evening, his subject being, "Brain Surgery." The medical fraternity invited.



Men's Boots



Major Powell and Capt. Fiebeger Consult with Gen. Craighill.

QUESTION OF COMPLETION

Examination of Men for the New Truck House to Be Held December 20-Liquor Licenses for Pool Rooms Permit of Potomac Power and Light

Company Enlarged.

Engineer Commissioner Powell and Capt. Flebeger, of his office, were summoned foxerday, by a special messenger from Gen. Graighill, of the War Department, to meet the commission recently appointed to consider further the problem of bringing into use the big Lydecker tunnel, that runs from the reservoir, above Georgetown, to the new reservoir near Howard University. The sessions will begin at Gen. Craighill's office today. How extensive will be the inquiry is not now known.

An Hem in the District appropriation bill, passed last March, set aside \$25,000 to pound out the tened and ans wa careful examination of its condition. This was done during the number by Major Knight with the assistance of Gen. Casev and Col. Elliott. Their report was to be ready at the opening of Congress, but with all the facts they could get, it was not possible to make a statement that seemed likely to be conclusive. Therefore, the present commission was appointed.

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COMMISSION OF EXPERTS.

The members are Major W. E. Marshall, sorps of engineers stationed at Chicago; Capt. James L. Lusk, corps of engineers, at West Point, N. Y., Mr. Alphonse Fteley, chief engineer of the New York aqueduct commission; Mr. Desmand Fitzgerald, resident engineer of the New York aqueduct commission; Mr. Desmand Fitzgerald, resident engineer of Brookline station, Boston water works; with First Lieut. D. D. Gaillard, corps of engineers, as recorder. Messes, Fteley and Fitzgerald by having charge of similar work, are probably the best qualified men in the country to judge what can be done in this case.

In the investigation maste by Mn., Knight the tunnel was pumped out, but it is now probably half full of water again. To pamp it out a second time will entail considerable expense. This must be done, however, or the experts will be obliged to take their facts from Maj. Knight's compilation of data. They may prefer to make a personal examination or the defects in the wall of the tunnel. One set of experts has already reported against the possibility of using the lunge congulit. Maj. Knight's examination has not given a declaye answer. These gentlemen may feel a great restonishing in high resting upon them, and so consider their reputations at atake. If they should report in fawe of finishing the work abde it for some very severe criticism. COMMISSION OF EXPERTS.

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Maj. Powell said last night he did not know whether they would look through the tunnel. He had not seen the inside of it himself and had not made up his mind whether it can be used. He was decidedly in favor of its completion if it was found to be practicable to make it serviceable. Last winter the city was once or twice in danger of being short of water and the situation is worse this year by reason of extension of the mains and for other reasons. Already complaints are coming of insufficient pressure. Every new main laid diminishes a little the force available.

At times water cannot be had on see-At times water cannot be had on sec-ond and higher floors on Capitol Hill and other high localities distant from the reser-voir. Raising the dam at Great Falls will partly supply the deficiency, but the Ly-decker tunnel and new reservoir would afford an ample supply for many years. The examination of men for the truck secondary at the new house at New York The examination of men for the truck company at the new house at New York avenue and M street will be held at the truck house A. on North Capitol street, near C. on December 20. There have been sixteen applications, but very few appear to be men who will meet the physical requirements.

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The new truck house was completed last week and examined on Saturday by the Commissioners. Building Inspector Brady and Chief Parris. They found the work satisfactory and the fire department took charge. The building is a handsome brick, two story, 30 feet by 90, and finished throughout in the most approved manner for its uses. The work of furnishing is going actively forward. A track of the intest pattern has already been secured-Men to run the place, as told by The Times recently, cannot be engaged till Congress makes an appropriation. That is expected by the time the result of the examination of applicants is known.

Retail liquor licenses were granted yesterday to Theodore M. Rudd, No. 93 Louisians avenue, and Charles H. Parks, No. 111 Sixth street northwest, in connection with their nool rooms. Both signed noneraspressing that minors shall not frequent their places. This was made necessary by a recent decision of the police court that pool room proprietors are not compelled by law to exclude minors from their places. Licenses were also granted William Cannon. No. 1218 Seventh street northwest, on condition that they would move their bars to the front of their rooms. POTOMAC LIGHT COMPANY'S PERMIT. POTOMAC LIGHT COMPANY'S PERMIT

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The Potomac Light and Power Company's permit for putting up notes and wires from Temlertown road. Wisconsin avenue, to Connecticut avenue, near Woodley Park, has been modified so as to run everywhere on the opposite side of the street from the telephone company's line; also so as to rive facilities to light a square at which important real estate sales are likely soon to be made. The permit provides against obstruction of private residences.

Orders were made yesterday for the cancellation of a number of water main assessments under the Burgdorf decision; to grade sidewalk space between Columbia road and repair part of alley in square 316; to grade sidewalk space between Columbia road and Rock Creek bridge on Clincinnali street, cost, \$1,200; to extend sewer between Bladensburg road and Trini and several bladensburg road; to place a new hydrant west side of Twelfth street, between R and S; to extend contract of Henry F. Meyer for wall on Sherman avenue; to construct a catch-basin on east side of Florida avenue, between Quark attreets; to lay 516 feet aix-inch water main on the south side of streets briven Briteenth and Sixteenth water main on the south side of the streets of the water main on the south side of Sherman avenue, between Sherman avenue and Thirteenth street northwest.

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The delay in the litigation over street extensions made by Commissioners' Attorney Thomas yesterday is probably due to a desire to employ additional counsel before the case proceeds. It has been stated that Mr. A. S. Worthington has been secured, but no official notice of the fact has yet been given. Mr. Thomas held a consultation with him yesterday soon after the postponement was obtained. Late in the afternoon Mr. Ross Perry was sent for by the Commissioners and with him they held an hour's consultation behind closed doors. One difficulty the Commissioners have to contend with is lack of money to employ special counsel.

Secretary Smith Returns Secretary Hole Smith returned vester-day from Atlants, where he went last week to address the Georgia legislature on the financial question.

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MORTONS RECEIVE THE TROPHY Corcoran Cadet Corps Cup Presented at the National Guard Armory. The formal presentation of the Corcoran Cadet prize cup was made to the Morton Catets last night at the National Guard's armory, by Lieut. C. A. Meyer, of the Corcoran Cadet Corps.

This cup, which is a magnificent affair of solid silver, was competed for at the Corcoran Cadets' military fete, which took place at the National Rifles' armory on the night of November 7 last. The Morton Cadets were the winners, and last night assembled in their room to receive the trophy.

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Capt. Edwards was to have made the presentation, but he was unable to be on hand, and Licut. Meyer did the bonors in his place. He made a very short address, simply complinenting the men on their splendid work, and expressing a wish that they would always keep up the high standard of drilling that won them the cup.

The cup, which stands nearly two feet high, is of solid sliver with gold trimmings. In the center of the bowl is a small shield, upon which is engraved the words. "The Corcoran Cadet Corps" Prize Cup. Squad Drill. Won by the Morton Cadets, Thursday, November 7, 1895."

PATENT NOT INFRINGED. Answer of Metropolitan Railroad Suit for Damages.

Suit for Damages.

The Metropolitan Railway Company, through F. P. Fish, its attorney, vesterday filed answer to the compilate made by Elias E. Ries and Albert H. Henderson in the suit filed for infringement of a patent in the use of certain underground devices and improvements in its underground electric system.

The company asserts that the alleged patents claimed by Ries and Henderson were of no effect, and that the devices designated were in use for more than two years prior to the several dates claimed for the application for the letters patent set up by the complainants.

It is further stated, as a matter of fact, that the alleged devices were employed by railway companies in San Francisco. Chicago and New York and in other places before the application for a patent was filed.

San Francisco at Beirut.

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